

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled meeting of February 2, 2010 to order at 6:30 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President Chris Clark, Council Members Mike Klaus, Connie Wells, and Tom Mayo, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Assistant City Administrator David Sims, Economic Development Coordinator Mike Sloan, Attorney Tim Wilson, and Police Chief Rick Alonzo. Also present was Julie Golder from the Bonners Ferry Herald, Kris Anderberg, Karen and Steve Schumacher, Rhonda Hamerslough, Georgette Baillesd-Err, Kate Turner, Ginny Kirsch, Nichole Rowell, James Perry, Jeff Hughart, Tracy Iverson, John Langs, Dave Gray, Jim Cadnum, Ron Frederickson, Chester and Debbie Richardson, Carolyn Testa, Tim Dougherty, Marilyn Reason, Stan and Denyse Knight, Michael and Melayne Stevens, Dawn Busch, John O'Connor, Jennifer Durbin, and Marcia Cossette.

Stephen Boorman gave a power point presentation regarding fees for the City of Bonners Ferry.

Chris Clark moved to add Resolution 2010-03 Supporting F-35 Missions in Idaho to the agenda, item #14. Connie Wells seconded the motion. This was a recommendation from AIC that was received after the agenda was posted. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Tim Dougherty spoke regarding an article in the Spokesman Review concerning an animal shelter in Spokane. He said the problems that we face in our community are similar. He appreciates City Council hearing the Second Chance proposal and hopes it is a first step in the process.

Rhonda Hamerslough introduced herself and the board members from Second Chance Animal Adoption Agency. She spoke to council regarding the new animal shelter that is being built. Rhonda asked if all the council members had visited the city pound. They had.

The current city pound services seven dog runs. Three outdoor play yards were also built. The kennels are 3x4 at the pound and are very small kennels. The city has an employee working two and a half hours per day for feeding and cleaning. Rhonda said Second Chance has paid quite a bit in medical costs. People adopting animals have to promise to get the animals spayed or neutered. There were 29 dogs adopted in 2009 by Second Chance. Second Chance supplies straw for the dog pound and puts up tarps for the animals to shelter them from weather. Rhonda said our current pound caretaker does a wonderful job of cleaning and taking care of the animals. Second Chance has donated many in-kind items such as assisting in adoptions, Pawsitive Works Program, training of the animals, temperament testing, transporting animals to vets, transferring dogs to other refuges, cleaned and operated pound between caretakers, and takes calls for animals. Second Chance provides food for the pound, straw, kennel decks, blankets, medical care, surgeries, structural improvements, tarps, advertises the animals, purchased leashes and collars, and fliers for advertising the dogs. Estimated donations of \$8,400 in-kind and \$6,500 in hard costs in 2009 to the city pound from Second Chance according to Rhonda.

Rhonda said the Peterson Hill building resulted in \$200,000 being spent of the \$300,000 donation and she spoke of how inadequate the building was for a shelter. Second Chance purchased the property where the Thrift Store is located and it was zoned for kennels. Plans were drawn up and construction started in November, 2009. Second Chance has an annual

budget and works with an accountant. They have a strategic plan and written policies and procedures.

The current structure is 1500 square feet and it is functional. It will be ADA accessible, has restrooms, intake kennels, isolation kennels, training and play areas for the animals; temperament assessing will be done as well as medical assessments for the dogs. Second Chance is working on an aggressive adoption program. They are also working on a noise mitigation program. Dogs will be housed in the building at night and there is a greater R value of insulation to help with the noise. An enrichment program is also planned to keep the dogs from barking. Rhonda showed pictures of the kennels that are being planned. She said once Second Chance takes an animal the city's responsibility will end if we should contract with Second Chance for animal pound sheltering. Rhonda went over a list of items that Second Chance would like to perform for the city. She posed the question to Council whether they want to partner with Second Chance or should Second Chance have a private relinquishment shelter. Second Chance wants to work on their business and operations plan. The goal from Second Chance is to get an idea of what the city's plans are. They plan to open their shelter in June, 2010 and if they have a private relinquishment shelter, they cannot guarantee that they will have room for the city animals. Chris Clark asked about information on the paperwork that council was reviewing on the number of animals that come through the pound. Rhonda said the county does not pick up animals.

Budget was based on four city dogs per month and Second Chance would get the first \$960 per year of impound fees and then split the additional impound revenue 50/50 with the city. She also said Second Chance would take the first \$2,508 of dog license fees and then split the remainder with the city. They estimated the cost to the city to be \$996 per month or \$11,997 annually plus the revenue split on option one. Option two was let the city keep all impound fees and license fees and pay Second Chance \$1,290 per month or \$15,465.

Chris Clark commented on how organized Second Chance is and the energy they have. Rick Alonzo commented on the cleaning of the dog pound when we were between care takers. He said Second Chance takes care of the adoptions and walks the animals. Twice per day we have our pound caretaker clean the pound and feed the animals. He thanked Second Chance.

Mike Klaus asked what the daily capacity would be at the new shelter. Rhonda said there would be 12 total kennels plus three additional for isolation. The intake area of the shelter will be totally separate from the rest of the shelter and law enforcement will have a key. Law enforcement will have to fill out some paperwork and give the animal water when they drop off after hours. Rhonda said they are looking at contracting with the county also. Mayor Anderson said ultimate responsibility is on the city because we have an ordinance dictating. He said the city would have to keep the pound in case Second Chance could not meet the needs of impounded animals. The city ordinance makes a difference between the city and county. Kate Turner spoke regarding the track record of Second Chance and the accomplishments they have made along with the commitment of the group. Mike Klaus thanked the people for attending the meeting. The members of Second Chance left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Rick Alonzo gave the police report. There were two agency assists, three driving without privileges, two crashes, one NSF check, and one school bus violation.

Stephen said the new fire truck is in service and in the fire station.

Chris Clark moved to approve the consent agenda. Mike Klaus seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of bills and payroll; approval for Jim Fritzsche to attend Collection Classes in Boise on February 24-25, 2010; approval for Alan Branson and Doug Ladely to attend Simplified Water/Wastewater Analysis Classes in Sandpoint on April 15, 2010; approval for Alan Branson to attend Water treatment and Licensure Review on May 11-12, 2010; approve the consent agenda from January 26, 2010.

Garbage issues were discussed. Mayor Anderson said that the county feels the city is falling behind in the recycling effort. He said the city plans to meet with the county in a joint meeting. David Sims said there was data from four different counties. Bonner County pays \$110 per resident for solid waste fees and they transfer garbage to Oregon. Benewah County pays \$130 per year per resident and transfers garbage to Montana. Kootenai County pays \$93 per year and uses a landfill. Shoshone County pays \$76 per year and they have a transfer station in Montana. Currently the residents of Boundary County pay \$123 per year for solid waste fees.

Mayor Anderson asked Ron Frederickson about his garbage pickup routes. He said he picks up commercial and residential inside and outside the city limits all together. Ron has quite a few cardboard customers and he estimates he delivers two tons per month to the landfill. The School District has about a ton of cardboard a month. Tom Mayo said there is quite a bit of recycling already in the city. David thinks the only way the county will get to the goals they are speaking of is to have an ordinance for recycling or else charge for the waste going in the landfill. Mike Klaus asked about sorting. Benewah County has dumpsters available for the public so they don't dump garbage elsewhere. Mayor Anderson asked how the tonnage is figured when it is not weighed. Stephen said the garbage in the dumpsters is being weighed by scales at General Feed. Ron is also weighing at the scales. Ron said the county is doing a waste stream study. Chris Clark said there are many options and first the public needs to be notified and educated of the problem. He said then educate about recycling. Chris does not think the residents have been informed about the crisis the county is facing. David said the city has offered bill stuffers to the county for educating the public. He also said to look at no pick up of yard waste in the city. People could compost and the city street department does spring pick up. Ron said the yard waste goes in the wood pile at the landfill. Tom asked if Ron sees yard waste in bags on his route. Ron does and said it is heavy. Mike Klaus said the county needs to think about shipping the garbage out because it will not be too long before that will happen even if we recycle. Stephen said curbside pickup may be cheaper than manned sites. David suggested there be strategically placed sites in town to be used for recycling. Chris thinks people will do the right thing if it is made easy but he does not think people are aware of the problem. Tom thinks we need some sites in town and we need to educate our citizens. The county picks up recyclables at Far North parking lot once a month and Ron estimates that they get approximately a ton. The group discussed having more regular recycle pickups in the city.

Mayor Anderson spoke of the council room remodel. Chris Clark asked about the electric remodel portion under the BPA conservation program. The general fund portion of the remodel would be \$401 according to Stephen and BPA will pay for 70 percent of the lighting upgrade. Connie said \$400 is almost like a repair and maintenance item. David said the lighting remodel would pay for itself in savings. Connie said it would be nice to have more room. Mike thinks it

needs to be done and it is such a minimal amount to general fund that it is a good investment. Mike Klaus moved to approve the council room expansion as brought forth by the city administrator. Connie Wells seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

David spoke regarding the pay request for Welch Comer for \$8818.01 for the LHTAC Alderson Lane project. The city needs to sign as a second reviewer and pay the contractor and then we will get reimbursed by LHTAC. Chris Clark moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the LHTAC paperwork. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Chris Clark moved to approve the catering permit for the Eagles for the Pheasants Forever function on March 20, 2010. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mike Klaus moved to appoint Dave Gray, reappoint Brad Hanson, Glenda Poston, and Andy Howe to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

The joint meeting date was discussed for meeting with Boundary County and the City of Moyie Springs. Council set the meeting date for February 11, 2010 at the Visitor Center at 5:30 p.m.

Council will agendaize fees for discussion on February 16th and then set the fee increase hearing for the second meeting in March.

Tim Wilson said the Chippewa right of way issue has been resolved. Chippewa Street has been in existence for many years but the right of ways on this street were never defined as it started as an old pasture road. The City of Bonners Ferry completed a validation process and the county had a hearing to validate the right of ways on Chippewa. Stephen said there is also a certification process that is driven by the federal government. Mike Klaus thanked Tim Wilson for his efforts on the Chippewa issue and moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the certification. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Mayor Anderson spoke regarding Resolution 2010-03 supporting the F-35s to be stationed at Mountain Home Air Force Base. Chris Clark moved to adopt resolution 2010-03. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Resolution 2010-03 reads as follows:

Resolution 2010-03

A RESOLUTION

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Air Force has had a presence in Idaho for more than 56 years, with numerous facilities, including Mountain Home Air Force Base and Boise’s Gowen Field; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Air Force approved Joint Strike Fighter basing criteria for both training and for operational bases for the new F-35 mission; and

WHEREAS, Mountain Home Air Force Base was selected as a finalist as an operational base and Boise’s Gowen Field was selected as a finalist as a training base; and

WHEREAS, Southern Idaho’s climate is well-suited to these missions, with more than 321 flyable days per year, a key selection criteria; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's facilities provide ample and unhindered training airspace close to installations, which enables more training time and less fuel consumed; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's facilities are unencumbered by the encroachment of civilian land use, which lowers the environmental impact on surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Idaho facilities have the capacity to support at least three squadrons each, including runway space, ramp space, personnel housing, and maintenance and hangar bays necessary to accommodate these new missions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bonners Ferry is a patriotic community, and supports members of our community in the military, and would welcome the new F-35 mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, that we urge the U.S. Air Force to select Idaho for its F-35 missions.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2010.

/s/David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Kris Larson, City Clerk

At 8:57 p.m. Connie moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 subsection 1 (f) (g). Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Executive session ended at 10:20 p.m. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk